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P&G Case 8487M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In the Application of   | : | Confirmation No. 8629      |
| Isao Noda et al         | : |                            |
| Serial No.: 10/051,723  | : | Group Art Unit 1712        |
| Filed: January 17, 2002 | : | Examiner Patricia A. Short |

For Fibers Comprising Polyhydroxyalkanoate Copolymers/Polylactic Acid Polymer or Copolymer Blends

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003 in the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1-20 remain in the case. No additional claims fee is due.